LANE KIRKLAND

Lane Kirkland was born in Camden, South Carolina in 1922. He studied at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in King’s Point, Long Island. He was licensed as a master mariner near the end of World War II. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1948 from the Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service in Washington, D.C. In 1960 he was appointed Executive Assistant to the President of the AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor — Congress of Industrial Organizations). From 1969 till 1979 he served as secretary-treasurer, and since 1979 he serves as president of the Federation which today numbers 15 million workers.

As a leader Kirkland has contributed greatly to the advancement of human rights and the prevention of discrimination and the improvement of conditions of employment.

By virtue of his position in the labor unions in America he advises the Presidents of the United States and supports the State of Israel.